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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CONSULAR ASSISTANCE - AMBULANCE FOR CHIOS
SKYLITSION HOSPITAL

REF STATE 096108

1. ACCORDING TO MR GEORGE DAVOS, AKTI POSIDONOS 38,
TELEPHONE 423-722, THE CUSTOMS BROKER EMPLOYED BY CHIOS HOSPITAL,
CUSTOMS DUTIES ON AMBULANCE, ASSESSED ON BASIS OF THE \$5,435
INVOICE VALUE OF VEHICLE, WILL AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY \$2,000
PLUS APPROXIMATELY \$334.00 IN CHARGES INCIDENTAL TO CUSTOMS
CLEARANCE. IF APPRAISAL OF VALUE BY CUSTOMS IS HIGHER THAN THE
INVOICE VALUE, DUTY WILL BE INCREASED CORRESPONDINGLY.

2. HEARING OF APRIL 25, 1975 POSTPONED TO MAY 1. WAIVER OF
PAYMENT OF STORAGE FEES, IF APPROVED, WILL COVER FEES ACCRUED
UP TO DATE OF APPROVAL. TO AVOID ACCUMULATION OF NEW STORAGE FEES
PENDING OUTCOME OF HOSPITAL'S PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS
DUTY, BROKER INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY SECURING PERMISSION
TO MOVE VEHICLE TO CHIOS FOR STORAGE AT PRIVATE GARAGE THERE.

3. SINCE MINISTRY'S DECISION MAY BE DELAYED, BROKER SUGGESTS
AS AN ALTERNATE SOLUTION FUNDS COVERING CUSTOMS DUTY BE
DEPOSITED WITH MINISTRY IN BOND SO THAT VEHICLE MAY BE
CLEARED THROUGH CUSTOMS. IF EXEMPTION IS GRANTED, FUNDS WILL BE
REIMBURSED TO DEPOSITOR. SUGGEST CHIOS KANARIS SOCIETY
COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH BROKER REGARDING MATTER.

4. SENATOR BAYH INTERESTED.

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